Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SECOND YEAR

OF

Centenary College of Louisiana

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN

GOLD DOME

TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK
IN THE MORNING

Order of Exercises

Processional: *Pomp and Circumstance* ..... Edward Elgar

Centenary Brass Ensemble

Mr. Thomas Hundemer, *Director*

Trumpets: Michael Scarlato '77, Julian Riojas '20, Rick Rowell.

Clarinets: Ashley Y. Brown '19, Matthew T. Nunn '18, Matthew Phillips.

Alto Saxophone: Lucas Lawrence '19, Marie Kadesky '19. **French Horn:** Colin A. McRae '10.

Trombone & Bass Trombone: Terry Hopkins. **Tuba:** William J. Conrad, Mark Hollingsworth.

Euphonium: Tristan S. Bennett '20, William J. Conrad, Arcemio T. Smith '18.

*National Anthem ..... led by the Centenary College Choir

*Invocation ..... Rev. Maegan Habich '09

Chaplain

*Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ..... led by the Centenary Brass Ensemble and the Centenary College Choir

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Scripture Reading: *Joshua 1:9* ..... Rev. Habich

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Anthem: *Homeward Bound* ..... arr. Mack Wilberg

Centenary College Choir

Dr. David Hobson '98, *Director and A.C. "Cheesy" Voran Endowed Professor*

Laura Hirsch '18 and Kieley Simonsen '18, *accompanists*

Address: *Ever to Excel* ..... Dr. Anil Nanda

Professor and Chairman, Department of Neurosurgery, LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, Louisiana

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Candidates for Degrees

Students Being Graduated with Academic Honors

Summa Cum Laude

Manon Camille Doucet

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Frantz

Benjamin David Green

Luke Wilson Groninger

Laura Ann Perilloux

Aiden James O'Bannon Poling

Michael C. Schimpf

Melissa Sue Traver

Magna cum Laude

Jane Cameron Barney

Alexandra Grace Britten

Shane Lee Edmondson

Elizabeth Ann Guerrant

Taylor Elizabeth Le Moal

Lauren Marie Leon

Elizabeth Grace Rambo

Donovan James Stone

Michelle Elizabeth Tasin

Brittany Kathryn Wagner

Cum Laude

Simone Michelle Byrd

Chelsea Grace Glaspie

Gabrielle Chandler Glorioso

Ayanna Ariel Griffin

Sophia Noelle Kiser

Bailey Marie Martin

Allison Robin Scates

Alysea Gabriel Velasquez

Sebastian J. Weinell

Students Being Graduated with Departmental Honors

The following students have distinguished themselves by achieving Departmental Honors in the designated disciplines, signifying the completion of an intensive research project with presentation of the results to student peers and faculty.

Alexandra Grace Britten, *Neuroscience*

Manon Camille Doucet, *Biology*

Elizabeth Ann Guerrant, *Psychology*

Lauren Marie Leon, *Neuroscience*

Laura Ann Perilloux, *Biology*

Elizabeth Grace Rambo, *English*

Tyler Cameryn Sanders, *English*

Melissa Sue Traver, *Biology*

Bachelor Of Arts

Jane Cameron Barney,
Psychology

Devin James Bench,
Economics

Ammiee Deanne Salvation Brown,
Communications: Film, Television, and Video

Simone Michelle Byrd,
French

Brandon Ra'Shard Campbell,
Music

Joshua Mitchell Carpenter,
Economics

Tia Elise Carter,
Art: Studio Arts

Victoria Lyn Chavis,
Theatre

Alicia Coker,
Psychology

Erica Coker,
History

Dannie Phillip Cox,
English: Creative Writing

Travion Cortez Davis,
History

Kendall L. Demouchet,
Economics

Patricia Carolina Dupree,
Political Science and History

Kayla Marie Evans,
Political Science

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Frantz,
Religious Studies

Gabrielle Chandler Glorioso,
Psychology

Gabrielle Chandler Glorioso,
French

Linda Carolina Gomez Gill,
Biology

Benjamin David Green,
Art: Art History and Visual Culture

Benjamin David Green,
English: Film and Cultural Emphasis

Luke Wilson Groninger,
Economics

Luke Wilson Groninger,
Political Science

Elizabeth Ann Guerrant,
Psychology and Sociology

DeiAnna Lee Hall,
Psychology

Hannah Nicole Hastie,
Biology

Alexandra Nicole Hornsby,
Interdisciplinary Studies: Communications and Business

Kalie Nicole Hughes,
Psychology

Marissa Danelle Hughes,
Psychology

Cameron DeShaun Jones,
Communication: Film, Television, and Video

Taylor Elizabeth Le Moal,
Economics

Bailey Marie Martin,
Biology

Rebecca Kay Missey,
History

Alison Marie Mitchell,
Biology

Delilah J. Montero,
Biology

Ahlisabith Jeanné Moran,
Geology

Jake David Morrison,
Individualized Major: Business and Communications

James Holden Novak,
Communication: Film, Television, and Video

Tara Catherine Partington,
Music

Edward Hunter Paul,
French

Chelsea D. Perry,
Communications: Media Design

Aiden James O'Bannon Poling,
Theatre

Whittney Danielle Polley,
Music

Elizabeth Grace Rambo,
English: Literary Studies

Saxon Symone Reaux,
Psychology

Tyler Cameryn Sanders,
English: Literary Studies

James Edward Sapp,
Biology

Michael C. Schimpf,
History

Michael C. Schimpf,
French

Emily A. Sexton,
History

Mark Fields Shepherd,
English: Film and Cultural Emphasis

Hannah Claire Still,
Art: Studio Arts

Donovan James Stone,
Political Science and History

Namra Tanveer,
Biology

Michelle Elizabeth Tasin,
Psychology

Brittney H. Thomas,
Political Science

Alysea Gabriel Velasquez,
Communication: Professional Writing

Victoria Lauren Warhurst,
Psychology

Sebastian J. Weinell,
English: Creative Writing

Hannah Jo Wright,
Biology

Bachelor of Science

Parker D. Bear,
Business Administration: Management

Ronnie Irene Bear,
Business Administration: Management

Patrick Charles Benton,
Business Administration

Alexandra Grace Britten,
Neuroscience

Alexandra Grace Britten,
Biology

Simone Michelle Byrd,
Business Administration

Ann S. Cohen,
Business Administration: Finance

Rykley Forrest Crowe,
Geology

Manon Camille Doucet,
Biology

Cameron Alexander Druhet,
Business Administration: Management

Shane Lee Edmondson,
Biology

Chelsea Grace Glaspie,
Business Administration: Accounting

Austin Michael Greber,
Geology

Ayanna Ariel Griffin,
Business Administration

Ryan C. Hardey,
Geology

Jessica Jean Innes,
Business Administration: Finance

Tamara Johnson,
Chemistry

Sophia Noelle Kiser,
Biology

Jeremy Mark Klespis,
Biology

Preston D. LeJeune,
Business Administration: Accounting

Lauren Marie Leon,
Neuroscience

Loren Spencer Lepore,
Business Administration: Finance

Marc Anthony Martinez,
Business Administration

Jacob Aaron Mosher,
Business Administration: Accounting and Finance

Spencer Reynolds Nelson,
Geology

Edward Hunter Paul,
Business Administration: Accounting

Laura Ann Perilloux,
Biology

Huong Mai Holly Pham,
Biology

Whittney Danielle Polley,
Business Administration

Taylor Dean Reed,
Mathematics: Computational Mathematics

Cheredith Dianna Rhone,
Business Administration: Management and Finance

Victor James Robert,
Chemistry and Biochemistry

Allison Robin Scates,
Geology

Meghan Elizabeth Sharp,
Business Administration: Accounting

Gregory Wayne Simmons,
Neuroscience

Gregory Wayne Simmons,
Biology

Matthieu Bridges St. Romain,
Business Administration

Jacob Christian Stevens,
Individualized Major: Religious Studies and Chemistry

Uma Tadikonda,
Biology

Juan Andres Tapia,
Business Administration: Accounting

Melissa Sue Traver,
Biology

William Alexander Vandruff,
Business Administration

Brittany Kathryn Wagner,
Biology

Master of Arts in Teaching

Soliska Noemie Cheramie,
Elementary Education

Amanda Nicole Colby,
Secondary Education: English

Jamie Lynn Fontenot,
Elementary Education

Joshua Owen Guthrie,
Secondary Education: English

Ashley Nicole Lindner,
Secondary Education: Biology

Douglas William Mason,
Secondary Education: Mathematics

Jessica L. Robbins,
Elementary Education

Katherine Denise Sexton,
Secondary Education: English

Arelis Noemi Soberal,
Secondary Education: Spanish

Emily Didier Stoehr,
Elementary Education

Kyle C. Symczak,
Secondary Education: Business

Dana Michael Wicks,
Secondary Education: Spanish

Master of Business Administration

Sarah Kathryn Delphin

Edward Robert Harvey

William Todd Martin

Michael Anthony Pierce

Michael Jacob Sievers

Kathryn Elizabeth Whittington

Honorary Degrees

Anil Nanda,
Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

Ollie S. Tyler,
Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa

Amy L. Fultz,
Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa

Conferring of Honorary Degrees ..... Dr. Christopher L. Holoman, *President*
Mr. David A. Barlow '92, *Chairman of the Board of Trustees*

Induction of the Class of 2017 into the Alumni Association ..... Mr. Benjamin D. Green '17
2017 Class Representative

Conferring of Honors and Degrees in Course ..... Dr. Holoman and Dr. Jenifer K. Ward, *Provost*

***Alma Mater** ..... led by the Centenary Brass Ensemble and the Centenary College Choir

Where the sleepy, silver bayou
Gleams among the pines,
Watching o'er the throbbing city
Alma Mater shines.

CHORUS

Forward, forward, Centenary—
Time and tide may fail,
But our hearts shall love thee ever—
Centenary, Hail!

***Benediction** ..... Rev. Habich

Recessional: *Rondeau* ..... Jean-Joseph Mouret, arr. Curnow
Centenary Brass Ensemble

Grand Marshal – Dr. David Thomas
Faculty Marshal – Dr. Harold Christensen
Ushers – Maroon Jackets

*The audience will stand.
Please remain seated during the processional and the recessional.

President Holoman cordially invites family and friends of graduates to a reception following Commencement at the North Entrance of the Gold Dome.

See back cover for information about photographs.

Biographies

Amy L. Fultz

Amy Fultz is Director of Behavior, Education, and Research at Shreveport's Chimp Haven chimpanzee sanctuary, where she is responsible for the socialization of the chimpanzees and also oversees the sanctuary's enrichment, training, and education programs. She co-founded Chimp Haven in 1995 and has worked there since 2004. Fultz has extensive professional experience working in the behavioral field at zoos, sanctuaries, and research facilities and is also passionate about chimpanzee conservation issues. Fultz has collaborated with Centenary faculty members on behavior analysis courses at Chimp Haven since 2012.

Dr. Anil Nanda

Dr. Anil Nanda is chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport and director of the Center's Neurosurgery Residency Training Program. He specializes in general and spinal neurosurgery as well as skull base tumors and has performed more than 2,500 surgeries on aneurysms and skull base tumors. A committed educator, Nanda has been invited to lecture and teach at over 400 national and international conferences and institutions and has published over 380 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters.

Mayor Ollie S. Tyler

Shreveport Mayor Ollie S. Tyler has been an educator for more than four decades and was appointed as the first woman and first African American to serve as Superintendent of Schools for the Caddo Parish Public School System. In 2011, Tyler became the Acting State Superintendent of Education for Louisiana and worked to implement statewide programs and initiatives to improve the education of approximately 700,000 students. Tyler retired from the Louisiana Department of Education in 2012 and on December 6, 2014, Shreveport voters elected her as mayor of Louisiana's third-largest city.

Academic Dress

Principal features of academic dress are the gown, the cap, and the hood. Early, it became necessary for universities to set rules and standards to preserve the dignity and meaning of the academic attire. In 1895, the American Intercollegiate Commission adopted a uniform academic costume code, which is reflected in most of the regalia worn today. Meanwhile, European universities maintained their right to variety. The vivid diversity of regalia for European degree holders brings to the American commencement such visual pleasures as sable berets, cardinal robes, and other distinctive garb.

THE ROBE OR GOWN: Originally worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, the gowns used in American academic ceremonies today vary according to the highest degree awarded to the wearer. Bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves, and are worn closed. Master's gowns have oblong sleeves, open at the wrist, with the base hanging down, and rear part of the oblong cut square while the front arc cuts away. These robes have fasteners so they can be worn open or closed. The doctoral gown is a more elaborate costume faced down the front with velvet and across the sleeves with three bars of the same; these facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive to the field of study to which the degree pertains. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. All three gowns are often black, but many colleges and universities use school colors for their academic regalia, especially doctoral robes.

THE CAP: The mortarboard cap is standard, although soft square-topped caps and tams are also utilized. A long tassel is fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap. The tassel should be black or the color appropriate to the academic discipline, with the exception of the doctor's cap that may have a gold tassel.

THE HOOD: The hoods are lined in silk with the official color or colors of the institution which granted the highest degree held by the wearer; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, such as by chevron or chevrons. The binding or edging of the hood is in velvet, with widths of two inches, three inches, and five inches for the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees respectively; the color of the border indicates the field of study to which the degree pertains.

PASSPORT POINTS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

Event Code: Class of17

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

On-stage photographs are arranged by Centenary for graduates and their families, but all purchases are handled directly through MAROSKI PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO of Mansfield, La. Photos will be available online for purchase at **www.partypics.com** (password: cent.grad2017).

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